

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION**  
**ADULT SOFTBALL LEAGUE**  
**MEN'S SLOW PITCH POST-SEASON PLAYOFFS RULES**

**Revised: July 19, 2017**

**Both ASA National and Montgomery County Rules will apply for all Men's Playoff levels**

**Playoff Rules**

**1. TIMES LIMITS:**

- A. **MEN'S "C" and "C/D" Levels:** No New inning after **60-minute**. After 60-minute game time, seven (7) innings must be complete with the "One-Pitch" rule. (Example: after the 4<sup>th</sup> inning, 60 minutes has expired, play one-pitch to complete the game. The Championship game (or IF game) will not have a time limit other than the 10:30pm curfew. Please see slaughter rule.
- B. **MEN'S "D" Levels:** No new inning after **55-minute** time limit on all playoff games. Games **do not** have to go seven (7) innings. Ties will be broken by "One-Pitch" at the end of the 55-minute time mark. The Championship game (or IF game) will not have a time limit. Please see slaughter rule

**2. Coin Flip** will be used in all games (regardless); even championship games.

**3. Montgomery County Recreation Department bat rule will be enforced.**

**4. ASA Slaughter Rule will be in effect;** 20 after three innings, 15 after four, or 10 runs after five (5) innings (on all games).

**5. GRACE PERIOD:** There will be a 10-minute grace period for the **first game of the day only**, which comes off the time limit. Teams must field at least 8 players from the scheduled starting time. Teams should plan to be at the field 15 minutes prior to game time, unless the team is playing on another field.

**6. HOME TEAM** for each game must provide an official scorekeeper.

**7. SOFTBALLS:** The Recreation Department will supply two new softballs that are .52-core/ 300 compressions per game. Back-up balls must have an ASA stamp on the ball. Each team will provide to the Umpire back-up balls. Team putting the ball out-of-play is responsible for replacing the ball.

**8. EJECTIONS:** Any player who is ejected from any playoff game will automatically sit out the remainder of all playoff tournament(s). **However, the Tournament Director has final decision on ejections/suspensions.**

**9. ROSTER/ELIGIBILITY:** Player(s) must be on the team roster, provide photo ID at the field (any time requested by field Staff). Rosters will be checked before each game. A Player may play in multiple playoff levels, as long as that player is rostered. Example: A player can play in the "C" Regional playoff and the "C/D" Regional playoffs, but can not play on two teams (in the C Reg. Playoff) in the one playoff bracket. **Penalty:** team caught with illegal player will forfeit game. Please request explanation of rule before participating. Please see rule 14.

**10. BALL COUNT:** Each batter will begin with a 1 ball, 1 strike count. A courtesy foul allowed after 2 strikes.

**11. V.10 COURTESY RUNNER: following rules should apply: (1) any rostered player may be used as a runner. (2) One courtesy runner, per inning. EFFECT: If a player runs a second time in the same inning, he will be called out and removed from the base. (3) A courtesy runner whose turn at bat while he is on base will be called out. He will be removed from the base and come to bat. A second courtesy runner cannot be substituted at this time (ASA substitution rule). (4) If a courtesy runner is being used, the becomes injured, ASA substitution rule must be used. Injured player may not return to the line-up.**

**12. HOME RUN RULE:**

- A. Men's "C" home run limit of 5 per team per game.
- B. "C/D" and "D" home run limit of 3 per team per game.
- C. The "One-Up" rule will apply during all playoff games. If a team hits any additional home runs over their limit, and the "One-Up" rule **does not** apply, the home run shall be declared an out. The "One-Up" rule applies in the last inning for both teams.

**13. PROTEST:** The Senior Umpire or Tournament Director at each field will handle all protests regarding player eligibility. All protest(s) must be done at the start of the game.

**14. PICTURE ID'S:** All players must have their **Driver's License or picture ID** at the field at all times. Recreation Staff can request ID/roster checks any time during the playoffs. If player(s) do not have an ID, player(s) may not participate in the game(s).

**15. WEATHER/PLAYOFF POLICY:** If there is any doubt concerning inclement weather, teams are responsible to appear at the field site. In the event of rain/inclement weather, the Recreation Department has the right to change the format of the playoffs.

**16. INCLEMENT WEATHER:** please check "Parks Rainoutline: for more information regarding the playoffs. I will attempt to email Managers regarding status of fields and or make ups.